

Foster City Campus – November 5, 2017



Life in the Upside Down Kingdom - Matthew 5: 1-16

Foster City - Dan Reid

1. Read Matthew 5: 3-13. Write a satirical beatitude that describes the world's kingdom values as you experience them. Blessed are the _____ for they shall _____.
2. How does understanding the meaning of "poor in spirit" in the first beatitude help us to understand and embody the next seven? (V. 3)
3. How does mourning our sin bring comfort from God? (V. 4)
4. Describe an example of Biblical "meekness" that you have lived or seen lived out? (V. 5)
5. What would change in your life if you had more hunger and thirst for righteousness? (V. 6)
6. When have you been shown mercy by another follower of Christ? How did this expression of mercy make you feel about God and about others? (V. 7)
7. Why do the pure in heart see God? Why does Jesus often speak against hypocrisy? (V. 8)
8. As much as it depends on you, are there steps of reconciliation and peacemaking that you can make in any relationships you have? (V. 9)
9. Describe a time when you were persecuted because of Christ? What did you learn from that might encourage others? (10-12)
10. Read verses 13-16. Describe how your life might be more flavorful and visible as you think about why Jesus used those salt and light to describe us? Discuss how your community group can become a more salty and visible force? Talk about some ideas that you might have for a local mission or outreach project.

South Campus – November 5, 2017



The Beatitudes - Matthew 5: 1-16

South Campus - Dominic Rivera

1. Put yourself in the place of Jesus' audience. What would have been surprising about Jesus' teaching? Why?
2. Which of the statements in v.3-12 relates to your experience over the past year?
3. What practices do you incorporate in your life to remind yourself of your reality in the kingdom life when circumstances say otherwise?
4. Describe the last situation in which you had the opportunity to practice one of these behaviors. How did you make the choice to accept (or not)?
5. In verses 13-16, Jesus challenges His followers to live so that God will be glorified. How do you live in the tension of your life being visible so that God is glorified?
6. Read verses 3-16 in The Message paraphrase. What stands out to after reading?
7. If you are familiar with the remainder of the teaching in chapters 5-7 ("The Sermon on the Mount"), how does the message of this section relate to what will follow?